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SMALL BUSINESS FINANCE AND EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PROJECT

EARLIER THIS YEAR COASTAL ENTERPRISES, INC. (CEI), A NON-PROFIT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BASED IN WISCASSET, RECEIVED \$2.5 MILLION TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR INVESTMENT. THE SMALL BUSINESS FINANCE AND EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PROJECT, AS IT IS CALLED, PROVIDES LOANS TO SELECTED SMALL BUSINESSES TO BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SOURCES OF FUNDS. THE PROJECT FUNDS ARE DESIGNATED TO BE LEVERAGED AT A RATIO OF 1:2. IT IS HOPED THAT THIS WILL RESULT IN AN ADDITIONAL \$5 MILLION IN PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT IN MAINE SMALL BUSINESS VENTURES.

THE COASTAL ENTERPRISE, INC. OBJECTIVES FOR THE PROJECT ARE TO INVEST THE FUNDS IN 20 TO 30 EXPANDING MAINE BUSINESSES, PREFERABLY THOSE MANUFACTURING FIRMS UTILIZING NATURAL RESOURCES. THE PROJECT ALSO SEEKS TO CREATE ABOUT 500 NEW JOBS, AT LEAST ONE-THIRD OF WHICH ARE TO BE RESERVED FOR THE ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED, TO INCLUDE AFDC RECIPIENTS, HANDICAPPED, VETERANS, OLDER WORKERS, AND YOUTH. PROGRAMS OPERATED BY THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR UNDER THE JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT (JTPA) ARE UTILIZED TO PROVIDE WORKERS WITH THE TRAINING AND SKILLS NEEDED BY THE EMPLOYER TO EXPAND INTO NEW AREAS.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE SMALL BUSINESS FINANCE AND EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PROJECT, A BUSINESS MUST BE EXPANDING AND/OR CREATING NEW JOBS. FURTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ARE THAT THE BUSINESS BE LOCALLY OWNED, BE ECONOMICALLY VIABLE, PRODUCE VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS, PROVIDE LONG-TERM EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME OPPORTUNITIES, AND HAVE GROWTH POTENTIAL. IN ADDITION, CEI'S REVIEW PROCESS REQUIRES THAT A FIRM SUBMIT A WRITTEN BUSINESS PLAN AS A PART OF THEIR APPLICATION. THESE APPLICATIONS ARE THOROUGHLY REVIEWED BY CEI STAFF AND PROCESSED IN 60 TO 90 DAYS.

TO DATE, 9 BUSINESSES HAVE SECURED PROJECT FUNDS AND 3 MORE APPLICATIONS ARE BEING PROCESSED. THE LOANS VARY FROM \$12,000 TO \$200,000 AND HAVE BEEN UTILIZED BY VERY SMALL FIRMS EMPLOYING 4 WORKERS TO SLIGHTLY LARGER FIRMS WITH A WORK FORCE OF AROUND 75. THE TYPES OF FIRMS SECURING THE LOANS HAVE BEEN MIXED AS WELL. MOST ARE MANUFACTURERS OF WOOD PRODUCTS - FROM LAZY-SUSANS AND SPICE RACKS TO WOOD BEARINGS. OTHERS MANUFACTURE WOODEN BUCKETS, TENTS, HOME KNIT GOODS, AND SOLAR ENERGY UNITS.

THERE IS STILL \$1.5 MILLION REMAINING IN THIS PROJECT. IF YOU ARE A SMALL BUSINESS LOCATED IN MAINE, PLANNING TO EXPAND AND WILLING TO HIRE ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED WORKERS, CONTACT COASTAL ENTERPRISES, INC. AT (207) 882-7552.

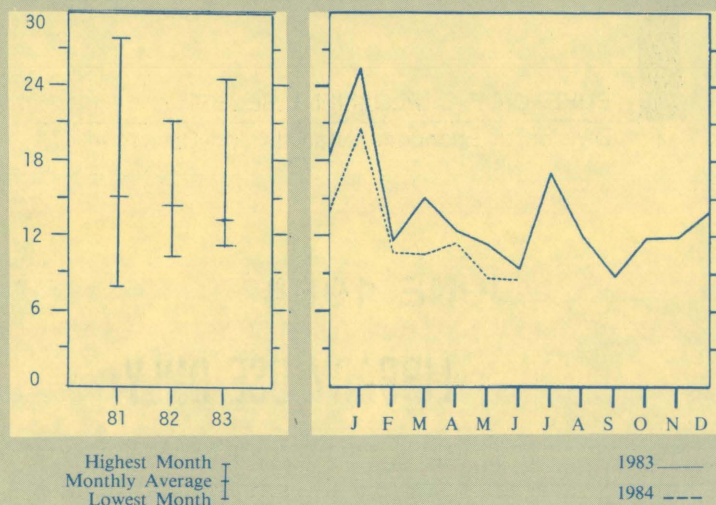
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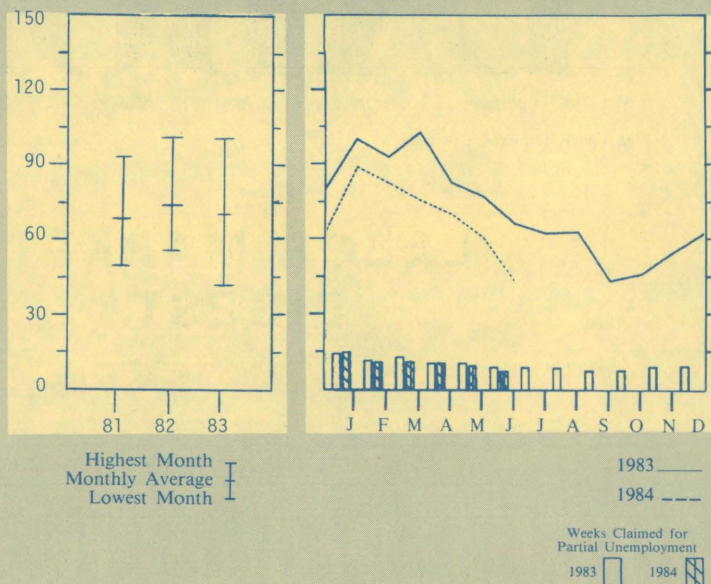
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UI Initial Claims in Thousands



UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed in Thousands



PRIVATE PAYROLL EARNINGS RISE IN MAINE

RECENT ESTIMATES RELEASED BY THE BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE INDICATE THAT TOTAL PRIVATE PAYROLLS IN MAINE ROSE BY \$356 MILLION FROM THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1983 THROUGH THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1984. THIS REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 7.4 PERCENT DURING THE YEAR, FROM \$4.829 BILLION TO \$5.185 BILLION SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AT ANNUAL RATES.

TOTAL PAYROLL EARNINGS CONSIST OF MONETARY REMUNERATION OF EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING COMPENSATION OF CORPORATE OFFICERS, COMMISSIONS, TIPS AND BONUSES, AND PAYMENT-IN-KIND THAT REPRESENTS INCOME TO THE RECIPIENT. THEY ARE MEASURED BEFORE DEDUCTIONS FOR SOCIAL SECURITY CONTRIBUTIONS, UNION DUES, OR OTHER PURPOSES. ESTIMATES OF WAGE AND SALARY DISBURSEMENTS ACCOUNT FOR MORE THAN 57 PERCENT OF ALL PERSONAL INCOME IN MAINE AND ARE, EXCEPT FOR TRANSFER PAYMENTS, MORE COMPLETE AND RELIABLE THAN THOSE FOR ANY OTHER TYPE OF INCOME.

THE BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS PRODUCES THE PAYROLL EARNINGS ESTIMATES BY INDUSTRY GROUP AS PRESENTED IN THE ACCOMPANYING TABLE. THE LARGEST COMPONENT OF PRIVATE MAINE PAYROLLS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1984 WAS MANUFACTURING, WITH 38 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL. ALSO CONTRIBUTING LARGE SHARES OF PAYROLL EARNINGS WERE THE SERVICES AND TRADE SECTORS, WITH 20.9 PERCENT AND 20.3 PERCENT, RESPECTIVELY.

THE SMALLEST EARNINGS COMPONENT WAS THE MINING INDUSTRY, WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR 0.1 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL ESTIMATE. EARNINGS IN AGRICULTURAL SERVICES, FORESTRY, AND FISHING REPRESENTED 0.6 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL, AND FARM WORKERS EARNED 1.4 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL.

THE LARGEST NET GAIN IN PRIVATE PAYROLL EARNINGS IN MAINE BETWEEN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1983 AND THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1984 WAS IN MANUFACTURING WHERE EMPLOYEES EARNED \$136 MILLION MORE, AN INCREASE OF 7.4 PERCENT. NONDURABLE GOODS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES RECORDED \$86 MILLION OF THIS GAIN, AND DURABLE GOODS ADDED \$50 MILLION. PAYROLLS IN SERVICES INDUSTRIES INCREASED BY \$79 MILLION, A GAIN OF 7.8 PERCENT. EARNINGS IN THE RETAIL TRADE SECTOR ROSE BY \$51 MILLION, REPRESENTING A GROWTH RATE OF 7.8 PERCENT.

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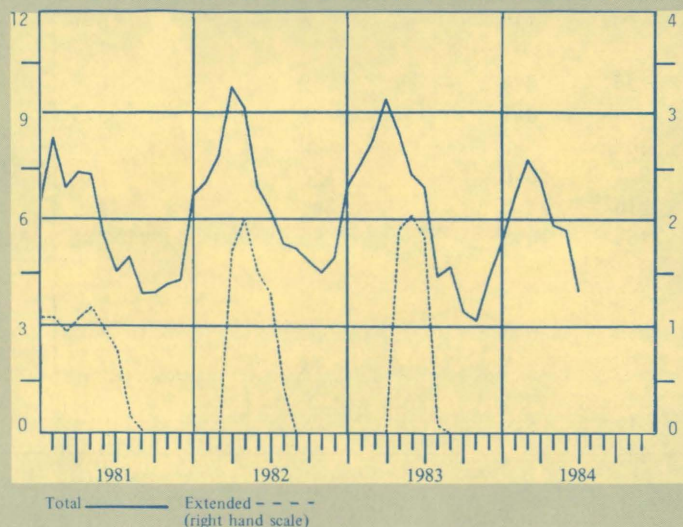
Selected Employment Security Activities



UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

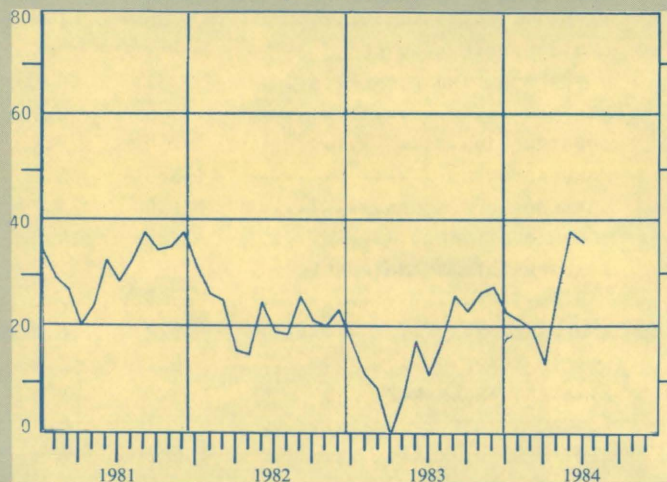
(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation

Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

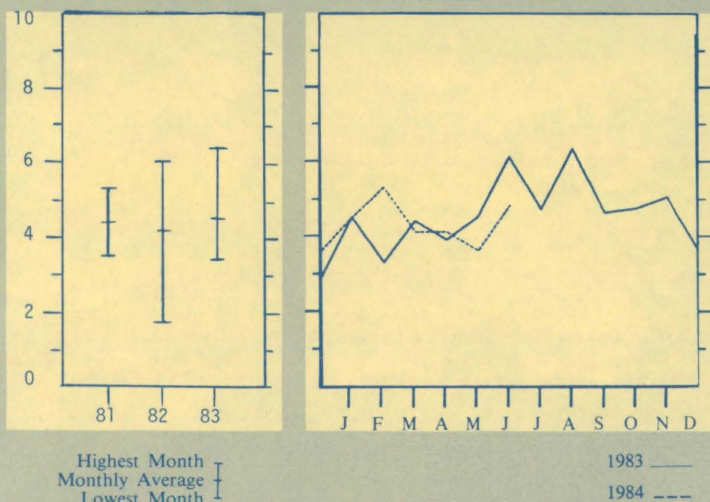
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/.....	440.8	427.6	430.6	103.4	100.9	96.9	34.5	34.2	34.0
Total Manufacturing	111.8	108.4	110.2	17.2	17.2	15.6	11.7	11.5	11.4
Durable Goods	42.5	40.7	40.8	7.5	7.7	6.2	2.3	2.3	2.0
Lumber and Wood Products 2/.....	13.1	11.5	12.8	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	16.6	16.4	14.6	6.0	6.0	5.3	1.8	1.8	1.5
Other Durable Goods 3/.....	12.8	12.8	13.4	1.0	1.2	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Nondurable Goods	69.3	67.7	69.4	9.7	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.2	9.4
Food and Kindred Products	8.0	7.8	8.5	2.1	2.0	2.1	0.9	0.8	0.9
Textile Mill Products	7.2	7.2	6.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.4	1.5	1.5
Apparel	5.0	5.0	4.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	19.6	18.9	18.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.8	0.7	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	19.1	18.6	21.3	2.7	2.7	3.2	3.6	3.6	3.7
Footwear (except Rubber)	16.0	15.5	17.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.0	3.0	3.1
All Other	3.1	3.1	3.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/.....	10.4	10.2	9.8	4.9	4.8	4.1	2.6	2.5	2.6
Total Nonmanufacturing	329.0	319.2	320.4	86.2	83.7	81.3	22.8	22.7	22.6
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	*	*	*	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contract Construction	18.3	17.4	18.2	4.7	4.6	4.3	1.4	1.3	1.4
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.3	17.7	19.0	5.7	5.4	5.8	1.2	1.2	1.3
Wholesale and Retail Trade	103.1	97.9	97.8	28.9	27.8	27.3	8.1	8.0	7.9
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	18.9	18.7	18.3	8.9	8.8	8.4	1.8	1.7	1.6
Services	88.0	85.2	86.0	24.6	23.7	23.0	7.3	7.3	7.3
Government	82.2	82.1	80.9	13.4	13.4	12.5	3.0	3.2	3.1
Federal	18.3	18.1	18.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.2	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/.....	63.9	64.0	62.6	12.0	12.0	11.1	2.8	2.9	2.8
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 37, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37, 39. 4/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30. 5/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 100.

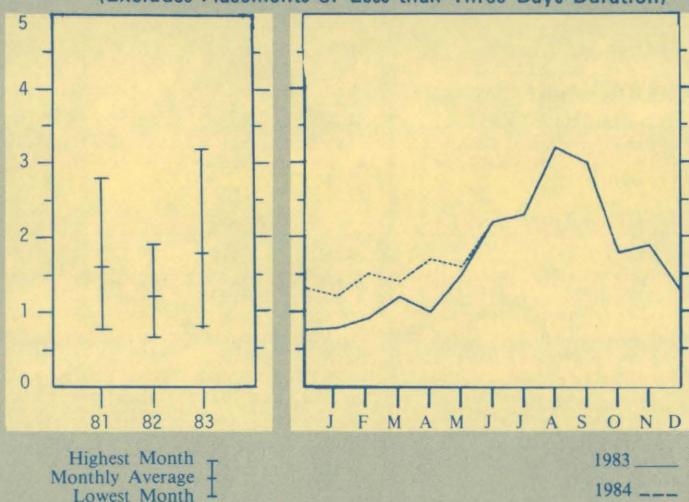
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New Applications For Work in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1983	1982	1981
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	\$316.79	\$319.18	\$297.75	40.1	40.3	39.7	\$ 7.90	\$ 7.92	\$ 7.50	\$ 7.61	\$ 7.22	\$6.66
Durable Goods	321.20	326.03	312.84	40.0	40.4	39.6	8.03	8.07	7.90	8.04	7.59	6.97
Lumber and Wood Products ..	290.07	283.71	290.97	39.9	40.3	40.3	7.27	7.04	7.22	7.37	6.87	6.52
Metals and Machinery	315.99	315.55	296.40	40.1	40.3	39.0	7.88	7.83	7.60	7.59	7.15	6.61
Other Durable Goods	362.98	383.39	358.09	39.8	40.7	39.7	9.12	9.42	9.02	9.31	8.84	7.98
Nondurable Goods	314.36	315.95	289.02	40.2	40.3	39.7	7.82	7.84	7.28	7.37	7.00	6.48
Food and Kindred Products ...	252.67	241.13	225.81	37.6	37.5	35.9	6.72	6.43	6.29	6.10	5.84	5.50
Textile Mill Products	250.32	257.91	250.06	42.0	41.8	42.6	5.96	6.17	5.27	5.87	5.49	5.17
Apparel	192.41	202.21	184.10	35.5	36.9	35.0	5.42	5.48	5.26	5.39	5.23	4.97
Paper and Allied Products	516.35	521.19	484.43	44.9	45.4	44.2	11.50	11.48	10.96	10.95	10.10	9.27
Leather and Leather Products ..	216.75	214.65	210.55	37.5	37.2	37.8	5.78	5.77	5.57	5.59	5.46	5.10
Other Nondurable Goods	276.61	279.74	263.31	39.8	39.4	40.2	6.95	7.10	6.55	6.60	6.23	5.75
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	310.01	309.68	284.64	38.8	39.4	37.7	7.99	7.86	7.55	7.67	7.19	6.49
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	248.95	249.33	244.21	38.3	38.3	40.1	6.50	6.51	6.09	6.16	5.96	5.57

Female Labor Force in Maine in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	249.2	237.5	230.3
Unemployed	17.5	16.4	21.7
(Percent)	7.1%	6.9%	9.4%
Resident Employed	231.7	221.1	208.6

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	310.7	309.7	298.1	303.5
Percent Change for Past Month				0.3%
Percent Change from Last December				2.4%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago				4.2%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE- Statewide	577.7	554.5	548.2	544.1	518.3	502.0	33.6	36.2	46.2	5.8	6.5	8.4
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	44,900	44,200	43,100	42,800	42,000	39,800	2,100	2,200	3,300	4.7	5.0	7.7
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	36,600	35,100	34,500	34,500	33,000	31,400	2,100	2,100	3,100	5.7	6.0	9.0
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	41,000	40,600	39,100	38,500	37,900	35,600	2,500	2,700	3,500	6.1	6.7	9.0
Portland SMSA	109,100	105,800	99,100	105,000	101,700	92,600	4,100	4,100	6,500	3.8	3.9	6.6
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	31,860	30,770	29,900	29,970	28,920	27,700	1,890	1,850	2,200	5.9	6.0	7.4
Barth-Brunswick	25,630	24,350	25,550	24,400	23,290	23,940	1,230	1,060	1,610	4.8	4.4	6.3
Belfast	11,940	11,730	11,400	10,750	10,430	10,040	1,190	1,300	1,360	10.0	11.1	11.9
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset ..	10,100	8,700	9,470	9,500	8,080	8,830	600	620	640	5.9	7.1	6.8
Calais-Eastport	15,530	15,200	15,570	14,040	13,470	13,430	1,490	1,730	2,140	9.6	11.4	13.7
Caribou-Presque Isle	22,880	21,980	21,690	20,470	19,450	18,900	2,410	2,530	2,790	10.5	11.5	12.9
Central Penobscot	3,630	3,600	3,710	3,440	3,370	3,450	190	230	260	5.2	6.4	7.0
Dover-Foxcroft	6,890	6,910	6,870	6,490	6,390	6,250	400	520	620	5.8	7.5	9.0
Ellsworth	24,890	22,380	23,300	23,510	20,790	21,700	1,380	1,590	1,600	5.5	7.1	6.9
Farmington	13,270	13,110	13,190	12,210	11,880	12,060	1,060	1,230	1,130	8.0	9.4	8.6
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,150	4,990	5,360	4,530	4,180	4,680	620	810	680	12.0	16.2	12.7
Greenville	1,710	1,560	1,610	1,620	1,420	1,500	90	140	110	5.3	9.0	6.8
Houlton	5,920	5,390	5,570	5,500	4,920	4,910	420	470	660	7.1	8.7	11.8
Lincoln-Howland	6,230	6,020	5,960	5,880	5,600	5,420	350	420	540	5.6	7.0	9.1
Livermore Falls	6,470	6,380	6,100	5,880	5,760	5,400	590	620	700	9.1	9.7	11.5
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,940	4,340	4,800	4,470	3,850	4,200	470	490	600	9.5	11.3	12.5
Mechanic Falls	2,810	2,700	2,540	2,570	2,450	2,220	240	250	320	8.5	9.3	12.6
Millinocket-East Millinocket ..	5,270	5,190	5,420	5,060	4,950	4,980	210	240	440	4.0	4.6	8.1
Patten-Island Falls	2,620	2,380	2,630	2,440	2,090	2,320	180	290	310	6.9	12.2	11.8
Rockland	19,130	18,480	18,420	17,930	17,080	16,730	1,200	1,400	1,690	6.3	7.6	9.2
Rumford	20,750	20,420	20,880	19,170	18,570	18,840	1,580	1,850	2,040	7.6	9.1	9.8
Sebago Lake Region	13,410	12,720	12,280	12,790	12,080	11,370	620	640	910	4.6	5.0	7.4
Skowhegan	23,150	22,230	22,270	21,410	20,270	19,690	1,740	1,960	2,580	7.5	8.8	11.6
Kittery-York	29,360	25,490	26,480	28,680	24,770	25,690	680	720	790	2.3	2.8	3.0
Southwest Penobscot	8,850	8,760	8,350	8,090	7,850	7,340	760	910	1,010	8.6	10.4	12.1
Waterville	23,870	23,160	23,230	22,530	21,870	21,100	1,340	1,290	2,130	5.6	5.6	9.2
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,646.8	1,631.7	n/a	1,578.6	1,534.5	n/a	68.2	97.2	n/a	4.1	6.0
Massachusetts	3,084.0	3,019.0	3,008.4	2,946.0	2,899.0	2,783.3	138.0	120.0	225.1	4.5	4.0	7.5
New Hampshire	n/a	510.9	509.4	n/a	486.8	485.8	n/a	24.1	23.6	n/a	4.7	4.6
Rhode Island	491.1	481.5	486.2	459.8	451.0	446.0	31.3	30.5	40.2	6.4	6.3	8.3
Vermont	268.7	265.6	267.1	253.4	248.4	249.2	15.3	17.2	17.9	5.7	6.5	6.7
NEW ENGLAND STATES ..	n/a	5,923.8	5,902.8	n/a	5,663.8	5,498.8	n/a	260.0	404.0	n/a	4.4	6.8
UNITED STATES 3/	115,393	113,251	113,383	106,812	105,096	101,813	8,582	8,154	11,570	7.4	7.2	10.2

Area Definitions

LMA - Labor Market Area

SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

THESE DATA ARE COMPILED BY THE MAINE BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partial)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	8,753	10,809	11,060	1,015	1,128	1,657	694	756	858
Insured Unemployment Rate *	2.1	2.6	2.7	1.1	1.3	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.6

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

PRIVATE NONFARM PAYROLLS BY INDUSTRY IN MAINE
FIRST QUARTER 1983 AND FIRST QUARTER 1984
(SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AT ANNUAL RATES)

PRIVATE PAYROLLS BY INDUSTRY (IN MILLIONS)	FIRST QUARTER 1983		FIRST QUARTER 1984		FIRST QTR 1983-FIRST QTR 1984	
	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL	CHANGE	
					NET	PERCENT
TOTAL PRIVATE WAGES						
AND SALARIES.....	\$4,829	100.0%	\$5,185	100.0%	\$356	7.4%
FARM.....	66	1.4	70	1.4	4	6.1
AGRICULTURAL SERVICES, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES....	31	0.6	33	0.6	2	6.5
MINING.....	3	0.1	4	0.1	1	33.3
CONSTRUCTION.....	264	5.5	284	5.5	20	7.6
MANUFACTURING.....	1,835	38.0	1,971	38.0	136	7.4
NONDURABLE GOODS.....	1,130	23.4	1,216	23.5	86	7.6
DURABLE GOODS.....	705	14.6	755	14.6	50	7.1
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES.....	361	7.5	368	7.1	7	1.9
WHOLESALE TRADE.....	322	6.7	350	6.8	28	8.7
RETAIL TRADE.....	651	13.5	702	13.5	51	7.8
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE.....	291	6.0	317	6.1	26	8.9
SERVICES.....	1,007	20.9	1,086	20.9	79	7.8

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